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VIA: Dave Gries  
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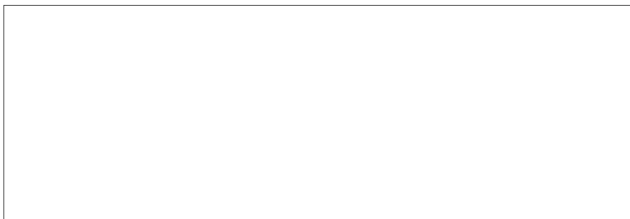
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During the last moments of the last Session of Congress, an amendment to the NASA Authorization Bill was passed which established a National Space Council. While the original bill sought to set up a similar council and while we opposed such a group, I believe that the differences between the two render the new council acceptable.

- a. The original council would have had the power to survey all aeronautical and space activities, whether of a civilian, military or intelligence nature. The new council has authority only with regard to civilian space activities.
- b. While the new council does not include the DCI as a statutory member, Senator Gorton, who sponsored the amendment, made it clear in his remarks that the DCI should be a member because the interests of the Agency and of the National Security Council could not be adequately represented otherwise. The bill allows the President to appoint members other than those specifically named.
- c. The bill has not yet been signed into law. However, we do not feel it necessary to seek a veto. The discussion of the amendment is attached.

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Attachments:  
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## MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

FROM: CONSTANCE HORNER  
DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: VETERANS DAY, 1986

The President recently proclaimed Tuesday, November 11, 1986, as Veterans Day. He reminds us, in his Veterans Day, 1986, proclamation, that we owe tribute to the patriotic men and women who left their homes and loved ones to answer our country's call to defend freedom. The President calls upon us to remember our veterans' accomplishments and thank them for their unselfish devotion to duty.

I urge you to participate in the Administration's strong commitment to veterans and to use Veterans Day as a rekindling of your efforts to recruit, employ and advance veterans, especially those who are disadvantaged and disabled. By making use of the Veterans Readjustment Appointment Program, the noncompetitive hiring authority for 30 percent or more disabled veterans, the special hiring procedures for the severely physically handicapped and mentally restored persons, and your Disabled Veterans Affirmative Action Program, you will find you are able to secure many qualified candidates for your vacancies.

The Veterans Administration, State Job Services, and veterans organizations will help you find capable and eligible candidates for your vacancies. You may wish to consider hosting disabled veterans through unpaid work experience arrangements with the Veterans Administration.

This year, let's not just honor the men and women who sacrificed in defense of freedom, let's prove to them that "America is back."

The President's proclamation is printed on the reverse.



## Veterans Day, 1986

*By the President of the United States of America*

### A Proclamation

Veterans Day gives all Americans a special opportunity to pay tribute to all those men and women who, throughout our history, have left their homes and loved ones to serve their country.

Their willingness to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, even their lives, in defense of our democratic principles has given our great country the security we enjoy today. From Valley Forge to Vietnam, through war and peace, valiant, patriotic Americans have answered the call, serving with honor and fidelity.

On this special day, our hearts and thoughts turn to all the Nation's veterans. Let us reflect on the great achievements of those whose sacrifices preserved our freedom and our way of life. With a spirit of pride and gratitude, let us recall their heroic accomplishments and thank them for their unselfish devotion to duty. They are indeed worthy of the solemn tribute of a grateful Nation.

I invite all Americans to join me in observing Veterans Day—through appropriate ceremonies, activities, and commemorations on November 11.

In order that we may pay fitting homage to those men and women who have proudly served in our Armed Forces, the Congress has provided (5 U.S.C. §103 (a)) that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor America's veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 11, 1986, as Veterans Day. I urge all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through appropriate public ceremonies and private prayers. I also call upon Federal, State, and local government officials to display the flag of the United States and to encourage and participate in patriotic activities throughout the country. I invite the business community, churches, schools, unions, civic and fraternal organizations, and the media to support this national observance with suitable commemorative expressions and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

*Ronald Reagan*